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Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM BUDGET REQUIREMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 10-262i of the 2014 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

4 (d) (1) Except as otherwise provided under the provisions of
5 subdivisions (3) and (4) of this subsection, for the fiscal year ending
6 June 30, 2014, the budgeted appropriation for education shall be not
7 less than the budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year
8 ending June 30, 2013, plus any aid increase described in subsection (e)
9 of this section, except that a town may reduce its budgeted
10 appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, by
11 one of the following: (A) Any district with a resident student count for
12 October 1, 2012, using the data of record as of January 31, 2013, that is
13 lower than such district's resident student count for October 1, 2011,
14 using the data of record as of January 31, 2013, may reduce such
15 district's budgeted appropriation for education by the difference in
16 number of resident students for such years multiplied by three

17 thousand, provided such reduction shall not exceed one-half of one
18 per cent of the district's budgeted appropriation for education for the
19 fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, (B) any district that (i) does not
20 maintain a high school and pays tuition to another school district
21 pursuant to section 10-33 for resident students to attend high school in
22 another district, and (ii) the number of resident students attending
23 high school for such district for October 1, 2012, using the data of
24 record as of January 31, 2013, is lower than such district's number of
25 resident students attending high school for October 1, 2011, using the
26 data of record as of January 31, 2013, may reduce such district's
27 budgeted appropriation for education by the difference in number of
28 resident students attending high school for such years multiplied by
29 the tuition paid per student pursuant to section 10-33, or (C) any
30 district that realizes new and documentable savings through increased
31 intradistrict efficiencies approved by the Commissioner of Education
32 or through regional collaboration or cooperative arrangements
33 pursuant to section 10-158a may reduce such district's budgeted
34 appropriation for education in an amount equal to half of the savings
35 experienced as a result of such intradistrict efficiencies, regional
36 collaboration or cooperative arrangement, provided such reduction
37 shall not exceed one-half of one per cent of the district's budgeted
38 appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.

39 (2) Except as otherwise provided under the provisions of
40 subdivisions (3), [and] (5) and (7) of this subsection, for the fiscal year
41 ending June 30, 2015, the budgeted appropriation for education shall
42 be not less than the budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal
43 year ending June 30, 2014, plus any aid increase received pursuant to
44 subsection (e) of this section, except that a town may reduce its
45 budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June
46 30, 2015, by one of the following: (A) Any district with a resident
47 student count for October 1, 2013, using the data of record as of
48 January 31, 2014, that is lower than such district's resident student
49 count for October 1, 2012, using the data of record as of January 31,

2014, may reduce such district's budgeted appropriation for education by the difference in number of resident students for such years multiplied by three thousand, provided such reduction shall not exceed one-half of one per cent of the district's budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, (B) any district that (i) does not maintain a high school and pays tuition to another school district pursuant to section 10-33 for resident students to attend high school in another district, and (ii) the number of resident students attending high school for such district for October 1, 2013, using the data of record as of January 31, 2014, is lower than such district's number of resident students attending high school for October 1, 2012, using the data of record as of January 31, 2014, may reduce such district's budgeted appropriation for education by the difference in number of resident students attending high school for such years multiplied by the tuition paid per student pursuant to section 10-33, or (C) any district that realizes new and documentable savings through increased intradistrict efficiencies approved by the Commissioner of Education or through regional collaboration or cooperative arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a may reduce such district's budgeted appropriation for education in an amount equal to half of the savings experienced as a result of such intradistrict efficiencies, regional collaboration or cooperative arrangement, provided such reduction shall not exceed one-half of one per cent of the district's budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.

(3) The Commissioner of Education may permit a district to reduce its budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2014, and June 30, 2015, inclusive, in an amount determined by the commissioner if such district has permanently ceased operations and closed one or more schools in the district due to declining enrollment at such closed school or schools in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, June 30, 2012, or June 30, 2013.

(4) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, the budgeted

83 appropriation for a town designated as an alliance district, as defined
84 in section 10-262u, shall be not less than the sum of (A) the budgeted
85 appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, and (B) the
86 amount necessary to meet the minimum local funding percentage, as
87 defined in subdivision (39) of section 10-262f, except the commissioner
88 may permit a town designated as an alliance district to reduce its
89 budgeted appropriation for education if such town can demonstrate
90 that its local contribution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, has
91 increased when compared to the local contribution used in
92 determining its local funding percentage, as defined in subdivision
93 (38) of section 10-262f.

94 (5) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the budgeted
95 appropriation for a town designated as an alliance district, as defined
96 in section 10-262u, shall be not less than the sum of (A) the budgeted
97 appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, and (B) the
98 amount necessary to meet the minimum local funding percentage, as
99 defined in section 10-262f, except the commissioner may permit a town
100 designated as an alliance district to reduce its budgeted appropriation
101 for education if such town can demonstrate that its local contribution
102 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, has increased when compared
103 to the local contribution used in determining its local funding
104 percentage, as defined in section 10-262f.

105 (6) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, any town whose
106 budgeted appropriation for education includes an appropriation to a
107 local school district and an appropriation to a regional school district
108 shall not reduce its budgeted appropriation to the local school district
109 by more than one-half of one per cent of the budgeted appropriation to
110 the local school district for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, due to
111 changes in the budgeted appropriation to the regional school district.

112 (7) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the budgeted
113 appropriation for education for a district that reduced its budgeted
114 appropriation for education by more than one-half of one per cent for

115 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, shall be not less than the district's
116 budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June
117 30, 2013, plus any aid increase received pursuant to subsection (e) of
118 this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-262i(d)
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Statement of Purpose:

To make revisions to the minimum budget requirement.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]